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In re application of

Akihiko UCHIYAMA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/582,756

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For: RETARDATION FILM AND OPTICAL DEVICE EMPLOYING IT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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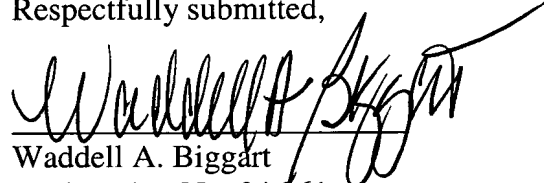
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